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DR. A. S. PRINCE,
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Friends and Foes.

"'Tis sad to think that any man
May have an enemy;
But think of one without a friend;
How hard his lot must be!"
"Yes," said the sage, "but harder yet
Is his who never knows
True friendship's worth, till, one by one,
His friends have turned to foes."
"How shall I act to gain a friend?
How keep him by my side?"
"To gain a friend act like a friend,"
The white-haired sage replied.
"To keep a friend be true to him,
As to all other men;
Make him in heart as your other self—
He'll not desert you then."
"But should some trouble intervene,
And he should careless grow,
How shall I treat my friend, that he
May not become my foe?"
"Just as before. Be kind and true;
Be manly toward him still;
And thus you make him powerless
To work you any ill."

"And if you have an enemy,
Which may the Lord forefend!
At all times leave him room enough
To be, some day, your friend."

"For 'he that hath a thousand friends
Hath not a friend to spare;
And he that hath one enemy
Shall meet him everywhere."
—Demosthenes's Monthly.

Schoolmarm.

Schoolmarm is a noun because it is a name. Common, because it is a general name. It is common gender, including both males and females. Third person: they are much talked about. It is plural in number, because they are legion. In the nominative case, because they are self-assertive, and agree with drawing good wages and doing nothing to benefit schools.

The experience and observation of almost fifty years have enabled me to arrange those Scribes and Pharisees that sit in Moses' seat in the school rooms of the country into three classes. These are schoolmasters who depend on physical force and whip, but do not teach; schoolmarmers who as a rule neither whip nor teach; and school teachers whose objective point is to teach their scholars to think—that is, to collate facts and draw other facts as conclusions from them, and to do this work independently, correctly and promptly, and whose government of a school only removes the drawbacks to learning.

A schoolmaster may become a school teacher, because as a rule that class has pluck and energy, and only needs knowledge. But I have never seen a schoolmarm—either male or female—that crystallized into a school teacher. Their normal status is imbecility, and for them the common school system was a godsend, as it enabled them to quarter themselves on the public without directly going to the poor-house. The prevalence of this class is an unerring test of the decadence of the common school system in any State. The experience of the State of Missouri has been no exception to this rule. The law required a candidate for the position of teacher in a school to have a certificate from the School Commissioner of the proper county, which probably in three cases out of five only certified his ignorance. But it filled the letter but not the spirit of the law, and admitted as teachers those who were not qualified in any way. They were at the best only negotiations.

Our present State Commissioner has inaugurated a reform in this particular which can be carried farther with advantage. The United States Government, in its civil service rules, requires that seventy-five per cent. of the questions asked shall be answered correctly, and the civil service of the State should not accept less. The list of questions furnished to teachers is very judicious. There has evidently been a great improvement at headquarters, and there is room for more.

The application for a school is prima facie evidence that the candidate wants the position, and the examination is resorted to in order to ascertain how much the position wants the applicant. The school law makes the Superintendent of Public Schools, the Governor, the Secretary of State and Attorney-General a Board of Education to supervise the instruction in public schools, and the regulations prescribed by that Board have all the force of law; so that if by collusion or any other influence a disqualified person is introduced into a school, any patron of the school can enjoin the County Treasurer and prevent the payment of a warrant until the facts are ascertained. All parties interested can rest assured that the common school system of Missouri is able to protect itself, and under the administration of our present State Commissioner shows a willingness to do so.

There is no fear of any lack of qualified teachers for all the schools if the incapables are ruled out. There are

few men better acquainted than I am with the mental and literary resources of Iron County, and few that rate them higher. There are few that even suspect the number of young men and women who, if the standard of teachers' qualifications is elevated, will educate themselves up to it. And the world must accept of the fact that, in the work of education, the coming man is a woman. Our civilization is correcting itself. When the really capable women, who are rapidly growing in numbers, receive proper recognition, they will eliminate the dude element. I learned a great lesson on the first Saturday of July in the school room at Pilot Knob. T. C.

The Terrible End of a Fascinating Woman and an "Exemplary" Young Man.

George Shepard and a woman supposed to be his wife were on the morning of July 30th found dead in bed, in a furnished room in Twenty-second street, New York, both shot through the head. The man was about thirty years of age and the woman forty-five. Shepard was a shipping clerk with the firm of Herring & Co., safe manufacturers. His father is a clergyman, Rev. P. L. Shepard, and is the head of a large school in Saybrook, Conn. The following letter was addressed him by the son, and as will be noticed by the date, was written ten days before the tragedy occurred:

New York, July 20, 1883.

Rev. P. L. Shepard, Saybrook, Conn.—
MY DEAR MOTHER AND FATHER: Kitty and I were secretly married. There will be nothing revealed of the ceremony. We have been very happy together in life, but we will be happier in death, which seems so pleasant. Our last wish and request is that we may rest together. With all our love and devotion, we are your affectionate son and daughter,

KITTY AND HORACE SHEPARD.
There was no disorder in the room occupied by Shepard and the woman. The only valuables found were a silver watch and two dollars and ten cents in money. Curiously enough, there was nothing to reveal the woman's maiden name. The room contained a number of religious keepsakes given to the young man from his mother. There were a Bible, a prayer book, a hymnal and religious books, with Shepard's name on the title page. One was given to him June 28, 1883, when he was thirteen years old. There was found a slip of note paper containing references to Bible texts. One was II. John, verse 5:

And now I beseech thee, lady, not as though I wrote a new commandment unto thee, but that which we had from the beginning, that we love one another.

Another was III. John, verse 13: I had many things to write, but I will not with ink and pen write unto thee. The other text quoted was Proverbs xiv, 12:

There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death.

There was a foolscap manuscript copy of one of Sam Devere's comic songs, "I had but 50 cents," the burden of which was that the singer took "his girl" to a restaurant, where she consumed vast quantities of edible to his intense consternation. In the mirror were stuck two silhouette pictures of the couple and a comic photograph of "the bridal chamber," showing two kittens in bed. But there was nothing to show who "Kitty" was, or why she had been killed.

At Herring & Co.'s office young Shepard was supposed to have been a bachelor, and was considered a most exemplary young man. He had been three years with that firm as shipping clerk, attending to his duties regularly until recently. Several weeks ago he began to absent himself several hours a day in business hours. He explained this by saying that he was getting work done at a dentist's, and was limited to these hours. Five days before the taking of his own and his alleged wife's lives he went away, and sent a dispatch to the office saying that he should be gone a few days on business, but would be back on the following Monday. His books and accounts were examined and found to be all straight, and his office drawers were searched in vain to find any trace of explanation of his crimes.

Among the things in Shepard's room, in Twenty-second street, was a bundle addressed to Mrs. A. C. Kelly, 117 West Fifteenth street, Marshall Flats. Here, it was found, Mrs. Shepard had apartments, and was known as Mrs. Kelly. She came and went frequently, and talked often to young folks who called her mother. These were two girls under seventeen, a small boy, and two young men, Alphonse and Belmont Voullaire, her sons by a former marriage. The Mrs. Shepard of the tragedy lived

in St. Louis a good many years ago. Her name was Kate Watts, and she was the step-daughter of Col. Murray, head of a once wealthy lottery firm in St. Louis. In 1857 she married Seymour D. Voullaire, a lawyer of that city. They lived together happily for nearly ten years; then Mr. Voullaire learned that his wife had been unfaithful to him, although she was the mother of four children. In 1868 they separated on account of an intimacy between the wife and Chas. Ruth, a delivery clerk in the St. Louis Post Office. Previous to this Voullaire had an altercation with a man in the old St. Louis Democrat newspaper office, whom he suspected of having led his wife astray. Voullaire began the attack, drawing his pistol, which, however, was taken from him before he could use it upon his unarmed adversary.

After the separation Voullaire was told, one Saturday night, that his wife had gone to the theatre with Ruth. He laid in wait for them, and on their return he shot Ruth in the arm. The wound was slight, and Ruth soon recovered. Subsequently there was another encounter between Voullaire and Ruth, in which four shots were exchanged. Ruth was not hurt, but Voullaire received a severe wound in the right side; and he was taken to the Sisters' Hospital, where a reconciliation was effected between husband and wife. Their second honeymoon lasted only a short time, and then Voullaire obtained a divorce. Then Mrs. Voullaire was married to Ruth, and they went to Lawrence, Kansas, to reside. About eighteen months later Ruth suddenly died from poison, as the post-mortem showed. Mrs. Ruth and a Dr. Medlicote, who had become intimate with her, were accused of administering the poison. Medlicote was found guilty of murder and sentenced to be hanged. An appeal to the Supreme Court gained for him a new trial, which resulted in his acquittal. Mr. Voullaire appeared for his faithless wife and succeeded in securing her acquittal, too, having demonstrated that Ruth had taken the poison accidentally.

After her release from prison the woman went to New Orleans, where she met and married Mr. Kelly, an agent of a steamship line. Mr. Kelly took her to New York city, and about a year ago she succeeded in inducing a daughter who still remained in St. Louis to go to the former city to live. Age seems to have had little effect upon the remarkable woman's character, and that at a time when other women are deemed old she retained the power to charm was proved in the case of the unfortunate young man who took her life and his own.

PROGRAMME

Of the Southeast Missouri Teachers' Association.
To be Held at Washington, Franklin County, Missouri,
Aug. 15, 16 and 17, 1883.

Wednesday, August 15th.
9:30 A. M.—Opening exercises and enrollment of members.
10:00—"Our Schools: If Not Good, How Make Them Better?"—G. W. Smith, of Washington.
Discussion—Landrum Smith, of Leasburg. "Better Improvement"—T. J. Lowry, of Columbia.

AFTERNOON SESSION.
2 P. M.—Music and enrollment of members.
2:15—"Relative Merits of Male and Female Teachers"—F. C. Miller, of Pilot Knob.
Discussion—H. C. Davis, of Iron Mountain, and F. J. Rice, of Kennett.
"Voullaire"—Paul Roulet, of Springfield.
"General Government"—Miss Marcella Proctor, of St. Louis.
Discussion—T. J. Holloway, of Sedalia.

EVENING SESSION.
8 P. M.—Music and prayer.
Recitation—D. M. Brewer, of New Orleans.
Address of Welcome—C. T. Gallenamp, of Washington.
Response—Hon. W. E. Coleman.
Music.

Thursday, August 16th.
9 A. M.—Opening exercises.
Appointment of committees.
9:15—"The Teacher as an Artist"—J. H. Van Amburgh, of Cape Girardeau.
Discussion—J. B. Scott, of Potosi, and H. N. Phillips, of West Plains.
Recitation—Miss Ada Greenwood, of Kansas City.
"Education: Its Object and Method"—D. M. Brewer, of New Orleans.
Discussion—Miss Ada Greenwood.
"Primary Arithmetic, a Teaching Exercise"—Miss Kate A. Jones, of St. Louis.

AFTERNOON SESSION.
2 P. M.—Recitation—Miss Elizabeth E. Fishwick, of St. Louis.
"The Place of Latin in Modern Education"—A. E. Douglass, of Cape Girardeau.
Discussion—Prof. Morris, of Drury College, and H. W. Stevens, of New Madrid.
"Primary Reading, a Teaching Exercise"—Mrs. Elizabeth E. Fishwick.
"Text Books"—E. W. McDonald, of St. James.
Discussion—Prof. Ghans, of Fredericktown.

EVENING SESSION.
8 P. M.—Music and prayer.
Short oration, "The Increasing Necessities of Education"—H. W. Speckling, of Washington.
Address, "Education, a Training Process"—W. D. Vandiver, of Caledonia.
Music.

Friday, August 17th.
9 A. M.—Opening exercises.
Recitation—Miss Kate A. Jones, of St. Louis.
"English Grammar"—T. R. Vickroy, of St. Louis.